

Majalis Shahadat Bibi Sakina recited at JIC by Moulana Tilmiz Hasnain Rizvi and Moulana Muntazir Mehdi Rizvi Moharram 2006

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Dear friends these lectures are going to be regarding Imam Zain Ul Abedeen and prayer. Today's lecture is an introduction. It is with great pleasure to invite Moulana Mahdi. Allah states in this ayat I have recited that Allah has created jinn and men for prayer of Allah. This ayat has said the basis for creation of jinn and men. When we read the Quran we realize that the entire universe is praying to Allah and all creations are preaying to him. All that is in the sky and the earth are praying to Allah. Every atom in the universe is praying to Allah. Sura Nooh discusses this also in an ayat. Did you not see and ponder that Allah is that for whom everything in the universe is singing praise (doing tasbeeh). Did you see the rows of the birds? Did you see that all know what the prayer and tasbeeh is for it. Allah knows that action which they are doing. The birds flying in rows are praying to Allah and doing his tasbeeh, if you remember the incident of the stone. When the prophet picked up the stone it was doing tasbeeh of Allah. You do not realize that the stones are chanting the glory of Allah. If the prophet took the son of Abu Talib why do you wonder at his glory.

The entire universe is doing tasbeeh of Allah. In Zariat Allah discussed only jinn and men. These two creations are able to chose. The other creations have to do prayer of Allah and have no choice. Men and jinn on the other hand have a choice and are discussed in this ayat. The prayer of the rest of the universe is for example the sun is doing that which he should do.

Going back to the ayat men being superior should have been mentioned first. However jinn were created before men and are mentioned first. Salaat and fasting and hajj and khums and zakaat are a part of prayer of Allah. Life in itself should be done in prayer of Allah. We should pray to him from the day of creation to the day we die. This mimbar was created for recitation of lectures in praise of the ahle bait and therefore we should do this here. Ibadat means to obey the command of Allah. There is no restriction to when we should obey Allah. If you stand, sit, eat, drink and sleep with His command then this is ibadat. There is no moment that a momin is not doing ibadat of Allah.

In yaseen the Quran is saying oh progeny of Adam did we not tell you not to do salaah of iblis. None do salaah for him but this means not to obey him at all and to obey Allah. Alone.

Ibadat has 70 parts. Earning halaal is the best ibadat. There is no ibadat greater than pondering on the universe and the world and the creation of Allah. This is a great ibadat or obedience or prayer to Allah. If man ponders then this is a great ibadat. If a man has done prayer for 70 years thinking for an hour of the creation of Allah is superior to this other ibadat. You might think how is this possible? Whatever the man who prayed for 70 years he has done these things for himself alone. If a man ponders on the universe and creates something for the benefit of the earth or the universe. This benefit will be for the universe therefore this is a greater ibadat than that of the man who prayed for 70 years. We do not read or ponder on the Quran. Imam Ali said in his will to his sons that do not let others follow the Quran more than you do. We have the Quran at home but do not read or ponder on it. If you fail to do so others who read it will benefit from it.

The fourth Imam is also called Ali and he is the son of Imam Hussain. His title is Zain Ul

Abdeeen. The prophet gave him this name. Jabber a famous historian who has given us the hadees e kisa. He has given us hadees of many of the masoomeen. He lived in the lives of 5 Imams has seen the Prophet and Bibi Fatima. The prophet sent his salaam to Imam Baqer. In this incident it is said that Imam Hussain was sleeping on the chest of the Prophet. The prophet said oh jabber this grandson of mine will have a son by the name or Zain Ul Abdeeen and his name will be announced on the day of judgment.

All in the universe are praying to Allah. On the day of judgment the announcer will say where is the pride of those who do Allah's Ibadat. Where is the leader of the people in sajdah.

Today you have read the dua e kumail. Our religion is a religion of prayer. Dua e kumail is a great dua. The imam states in this dua a sentence. We think that we own all the possessions we have such as our house, our car and our body. Why did the Quran state that Allah will ask our organs to bear witness against us on the day of judgment. Do not think that your hand will not give witness against you on the day of judgment. We think that we own these things. The Imam states that forgive him who owns nothing but dua. The Imam has shown us that all we own is dua alone.

When the shaitan left he promised that he will attack us from all four sides. From the front, behind, right and left. Allah said that there are two sides left. If man raises his hand in prayer Allah will listen and if he bows his head in sajdah Allah will raise him.

Our fourth Imam was not allowed to do any preaching. He took it upon himself to teach the deen of Islaam using dua. You cannot stop us from dua and the Imam used this to create the Sahifa E Kamila. He asked dua in Medina the Kaaba. The fifth Imam Baqer is writing this compilation of duas.

The treasure we have is the nahjul Balagha and the sahifa of the fourth Imam. Each dua is so great that it is very relevant to your life. There is a special dua in the sahifa. This describes manners required for living. Etiquette were written by many scholars but all accept that this dua of the Imam is far superior to their books. The purpose of majalis to convey to us how our imams strived to convey this wisdom to us.

Dua Abu Hamza Thumali is so great. There are 15 things he prays for in this. These dua are very powerful and one should read them. He described the tauheed of Allah, the description of the prophet and scientific things. He states Allah you know the weight of light and darkness. Today we realize that light has weight. We should read the nahjul balagha and the sahifa e kamila. Risalatul Huqooq is the first charter of rights. He describes the rights of Allah, those of men, women, leader, man and wife. These things should be learnt and taught to our children. These are the things we should read and learn from. There are prayers for all in this collection.

Dua e tauba teaches us how to seek forgiveness from Allah.

I will try to go over this in my next majalis.

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Moulana Muntazir Mehdi

As all of you are aware Moulana Hujjatul Islam Tilmiz who is a big scholar amongst us. I feel that it would be better if I had recited a breif message before him. We should follow the command of our elders and he has asked me to recite the masahib and I will do so. I will first sum up yesterdays majalis.

Allah said that he has descended the book and knowledge to the prophet. Each and every

thing that was needed was taught to him directly by Allah. The knowledge in the books are at their own place. There are things that are not written in detail in the book but this knowledge was given to the prophet in detail. This is so that when the things in the book are stated by the prophet then the details should be described by the prophet. Allah did not want to give the entire knowledge in the book and not have an interpreter. Allah created the man who knew the knowledge first then the book was given to him. The common man or scholar is unable to understand the command of Allah. The command of Allah has been limited in the words of Arabic and Allah picked a man so that he could convey the meaning of the commands of Allah summed up in the words of the book. He sent the prophet to do purification of your souls, recite the ayat and teach you from the book. He can only teach you only if he has a command on all things in the book. There is not historical fact that when the angel gibrael came he gave anything but the ayat of the Quran. There is not history that the details of the command of Allah summed up in the words of the ayat were conveyed by him later to the prophet. Thus it is evident that Allah has given the prophet knowledge of the book first then sent the indication of what to teach via the ayat. Where was this taught? If you say on this world then the messenger is gibrael and he only brought the words of the ayat not the entire command behind it. We understand the apparent meaning of the ayat but of the real command of Allah behind the words. If Allah is sending these ayat to a person who is illiterate then how is he able to expand on the true command behind it? Then Allah told the prophet to recite the ayat, purify the souls and teach from the book.

When the foundation of the Kaaba was being laid by Ibraheem he prayed to Allah that he send a messenger to the people who recites the ayat to them, purifies their souls and then teaches them. This prayer is repeated in the ayat of Allah. If Allah had said that he has sent a messenger. However just as the prophet Ibraheem had prayed Allah repeated them in his ayat. This dua of Ibraheem was fulfilled when the last prophet came. This is to show us that prayers can be accepted later when appropriate and we should not be disappointed.

The atmosphere in which the prophet was preaching was worse than the environment today. The prophet recited the ayat among the drunk, womanizing people and did such preaching that these misled people became Miqdaad or Abu Zarr. These were called as being superior to the earlier messengers. The Quran and its recitation has such power that such people become superior to the prophets who came before them.

If you estimate the two prayers of Ibraheem and how Allah fulfilled them you will learn. The first dua was as we described above. Allah has sent such a person among them that he recited the ayat, purified their souls and then gave them the knowledge of the book. Why is this not in any other order? Why is the recitation first and then purification then knowledge. Recitation of the Quran has such power that this changes the hearts and minds. Then the heart was purified and then they were able to learn. When they heard the words of the Quran they accepted that these were not words of men but strange words. Due to this they got iman. When men went with drawn swords to kill the prophet and heard the Quran they would become Muslims. When the Quran has such power on the hearts of the kaffer then what should they do to the heart of the Momin. If you recite the ayats of Allah and recognize Allah then your hearts break. By bringing iman then they would purify their hearts and soul. The knowledge will not stay in your heart unless you purify your heart and soul. Socrates was asked why is it that many people read and few succeed. This is because if his heart has unrest in it he creates unrest but if his heart is at

peace then he brings peace. That is to say if your heart is pure then the knowledge will stay in your heart.

This is summed up in the ayat e tatheer. In this Allah states that He will remove impurity from them. Does this mean that they were impure before? No he is just announcing. Allah decides that he will remove impurity. Allah decides that oh Ahle Bait he will keep impurity from you and makes you pure. By keeping impurity from them He keeps them pure. Allah desires or decides and when does he decide? He speaks, He is a scholar, as he is a scholar does this mean that He is separate from Allah? This would mean that knowledge is separate from Him and this is shirk. Thus Allah and knowledge is the same. The description of Allah is the same as his attribute. As long as Allah is His desire is. As long as He is He desired to create the ahle bait and to keep impurity from them. Thus they were never impure from the time of their creation. We were created from the dirt and they were created from the light. Light has no impurity but only purity.

His intent is to send a prophet as a leader or representative. The messenger is to teach and as the knowledge increases people will recognize Allah and pray to Him and increase purity. Allah made Adam a caliph on the earth. When He made the caliph a voice asked will You make such a caliph as will do mischief in the land but we do your tasbeeh says the angel. Why not create he who does tasbeeh of Allah only. Allah replied I know that which you not. They were both taught and the angels and Adam were tested. The angels were unable to pass the test. They saw the light and the names but could not decide which names are of which light. When Adam was tested he matched the light of the panjetan to their correct names. Knowledge was used as the basis of deciding the caliph of Allah. Prayer to Allah was not made the basis of decision. If a man prays then he can raise himself to such a level that he saves himself. The one who has knowledge saves himself and others also. The only person who can save the community is the one with knowledge. Only those with knowledge can be Imams. Allah has said that only those He has given knowledge are the Imams. Allah gives not knowledge alone but gives them power. In the Quran He says that among the jews he has picked someone to lead them and given him knowledge and power. The body was given power. The leader needs knowledge and power of his body. Using these two things the leader or representative of Allah saves the community. When my moulana was born he said in the lap of the prophet what should I recite? In his cradle he tore apart a python to demonstrate his body's power.

Ibraheem was made an Imam by Allah after he passed tests. Ibraheem then asked that the same Imamatus be given in his progeny. Allah granted this for his descendants who are not oppressors. In Ibraheem's descendants there were two sons. Yaqoob and Issac. They were prophets. They were such that in truth their tongues were Ali. The person whose tongue has Ali in it is capable of being Imam what of the person who is Ali himself.

The basis of Imamatus is not to be an oppressor. The tongue should be such that it be Ali in truth. Allah stated that Ismael had the desire of Allah. Issac had an Ali tongue, Ismael had the desire of Allah. He was the desire of Allah. Imamatus will go to the person who will become the desire of Allah. When Imam Ali slept in the place of the prophet on the day of hijrat the ayat said that there are some who sell their souls for the desire of Allah.

Ali tongue and the person who is the desire of Allah is Imam Ali. One night he sleeps in such a manner that he kept the respect of prayer. From shab e ashoor you realize that the head is in sajdah. In this state in the evening the sajdah that Imam Hussain did is incomparable till the day of judgment. You should ponder on how the Imamatus is summed up in the Imam Zain Ul Abedeen's life. He cried on his father for 40 years. He gave ibadat

to the community. What was his etiquette like? That which was given to the prophet was given to our imam. All are familiar with the story of the woman who threw trash on our prophet and when he went to ask how she was doing when she missed doing this she became a muslim.

A man curses the Imam Zain Ul Abedeen and the slave of the Imam wants to hit the man. The Imam instead gives the man clothes and money. Then the man looks at him carefully and says you are the son of the Prophet and recites the kalima. Islam is not spread by the sword but the etiquette of the descendants of the prophet. In the darkness of the night the Imam gave money to his cousin. As long as he gave this money and food a voice would say the imam is not giving to me. He never made the other man recognize that the Imam is giving him money and the man was accusing him of not giving money. When the Imam was martyred then his cousin did not get any food and realized that the imam was his benefactor. When Imam Ali was injured and many people did not get money or food then people realized how many people he fed. This is similar to the events that happened after Imam Zain ul Abedeen was martyred.

When the Imam returned from Karbala he cried for his father. When the slave brought him water for wudu the Imam cried until his tears mixed with the water. He cried over food. The slave said oh master if you cry so much you may pass away. The imam replied that Yaqoob had one son Yusuf and he cried until he became blind what of me who has lost so many sons. Whenever the Imam saw the butcher doing zibah of an animal he would cry and remember that his father was beheaded thirsty. Imam Hussain asks us to remember his thirst whenever you drink water.

Oh Hussain give the patients cure. Oh Zain Ul Abedeen pray for those who have asked for prayer. May Zain Ul Abedeen cure all the ill people. All orphans become such that they have a caretaker and they not become orphans like you. May our Imam come out of ghaibat soon.

There was a time when the little girl sakina was asking for water but was being whipped instead. Shaam was the place where the imam was tortured the most. Bibi Zainab was without chador and had a mirror to look at her face. Imam asked that the heads of the martyrs be taken ahead so that people not look at the bibis. The neck of the imam had a collar with thorns, and chains that bore him down. When the head of Hussain stopped moving with difficulty the imam would beg his father's head to move forward.

When he lived in the prison he had such a small place that he could not sit or lie down. When he came out he had a pale face. With these difficulties he went to Medina but was mistreated there. On the day of his martyrdom he did a will to his son Imam Baqer. He then bid farewell to this world and Imam Baqer did ghushl and kafan of the Imam. Oh but Imam Hussain his body lay in karbala and there were none who did his last rites and bury him.

When the body of Imam Zain Ul Abedeen was being taken for burial Medina was crying but on the night after ashoor there were none to cry in karbala. As the beir of Imam Zain ul Abedeen was being carried he would have remembered the beir of the little bibi sakina in the prison and how the manlaced brother carried his sister's body and buried it. Oh syed ul sajedeen when you were buried water was put on your grave. Oh Sakina oh Ali Asghar you had dry graves that were wet with tears----.

Moulana Tilmiz Rizvi Majalis Two

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Dear Momins please recite Amma Yujib

Dear friends we are discussing 51 sura in this lecture. Allah states that he created jinn and men exclusively for his obedience and prayer. Now we should see who is completing the purpose of his creation. We have to examine ourselves and decide if we are fulfilling the reason Allah created us. If a person is not doing that for which Allah has created him then he is not following Allah's command.

What is the difference between animal and man. Both eat and drink. Animals may go into anyone's garden and eat perhaps men are better. If man is doing the same thing then there is no difference between men and animals. Why would men be considered the best creation. Human beings are social animals and if you remove social then we remain animals.

The majalis are a social gathering where we meet and greet each other and ask about our good and bad fortunes. What do we say in the prayer 5 times a day? We say oh Allah we pray exclusively to you. Are we right in saying this. Had the ayat said nabudu ka then we could have prayed to Allah and any else. When we say iyyaka nabudu then this conveys that we pray exclusively to Allah. Do we do ibadat of Allah part time or full time. The five prayers are just a part of ibadat. The entire life is the complete ibadat.

If you join a job and are given certain duties then if you do your personal work this is not accepted. Allah has created you and given you a code of life, the rules to follow. If you do not follow the manual of using a machine then you may destroy the machine. For example if you misuse your phone it will not work any more. Allah made you the book and a person to explain the book. The entire life is ibadat. When you are born you are dependent completely. You hear the azan in the right and the left ear. Did this not begin the ibadat. The baby hears but does not understand. Hearing and comprehension are different. Some children such as the Baby Jesus and they would understand but the common babies hear but not comprehend. When a person dies then the namaaz is read for the person. This demonstrates that life begins with azan and ends with namaaz. If the person does not read salaah during his life this is his misfortune. Life is the time between azan and ekhamat and the namaz for the dead body. This is a short time. If you waste it in fun and games this is your misfortune. In the ekhama you are asked to do salaah and good deeds.

In the grave we ask the corpse to hear and understand. If he could not hear then why the talkheer it is obvious the person in the grave is hearing. We are unwise to think that the corpse is not hearing or understanding.

In the Quran it is stated that those who go to hell will be asked why did you go to hell. They reply oh had we heard and understood we would never have gone to hell. This means had they heard the ayat of the Quran and the lectures of the alim and understand. I met a few friends and heard them repeat my lecture from yesterday thus it is evident that they heard and understood my speech. Those in hell say had we heard and understood we would not be in hell. How do we know who heard and who understood. There is only one group who asks the person who has just died hear and understand thus they spent their life hearing and understanding.

Today I would like to discuss ibadat. Do ibadat till the day you die. Are there any

examples of this. We read the ziarat e warisa. Moula i bear witness that you established salaah. Is the witness of a person who does not pray accepted? Moula established salaah in the battlefield. The ziarat goes on to say that he gave zakaat, stopped people from doing bad things, and encouraged good things. Moula Hussain did salaah till the time he died. He gave his life for islam and this is an ibadat also. Ibadat is obedience of Allah. In the Quran it says obey Allah and establish prayer this means that salaah is a part of ibadat. Abd of Allah is a very high position. We give witness in the shahada that the prophet is a abd of Allah and then the prophet.

When Allah gave the Quran to the prophet He said that Allah is glorious who has given his abd (not the prophet but the abd) the Quran. Allah also states that Allah took his abd (not the prophet but the abd) to meraj. When Jesus spoke from his mothers lap when she was challenged regarding the baby's father. The jews asked the mother how can the baby reply to our objections. The jews thought the prophet is a baby. The baby jesus replied that I am a slave of Allah and He has given me the book. He clearly stated that he is the slave of Allah and cannot be God. The jews fell quiet and left. Why did the jews not search for the book? The prophet is not dependent on the book but it is the other way around. Our prophet in a similar fashion is a prophet since the day he was born.

Slavery is such a great thing that it is a diamond and is the relationship between Allah and his creation. Mabood and abd and abid have the same arabic alphabets. This shows the close relationship between man and Allah.

The man who is praying is abid and the one praying is sajid. Our imam is Zain Ul Abedeen and Syedus Sajdeen. Is the sun not doing sajdah, the moon? The mountains? The angels? Gibrael? He is the chief of all these creations of Allah.

On the day of judgment the announcer will announce this of our Imam here is syed ul sajedeen and zain ul abedeen.

It is our misfortune we do not do justice to the birthdays and martyrdom of our Imams. We should remember our imams and discuss about them. We do not believe a single Imam and similarly we should discuss them all. People are not used to hearing the alims are not used to discussing this.

Imam 5th shabaan or 15 jamad ul ulla are the dates attached to Imam Zain Ul Abedeen. At this time Imam Ali was a caliph in kufa. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen wiladat was in kufa.

Imam Zain Ul Abedeen looked exactly like Imam Ali. He was named Ali. Imam Hussain named all his sons Ali. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen has many titles Sajjad. His kunniat is Abu Mohammed. His father is Imam Hussain. His mother Sher Banu the daughter of the emperor of rome. When was he married? It is said that two women were brought as prisoners from rome and they were princesses. Imam Ali prevented them from being given in slavery. One of the sisters were married to Imam Hussain and the other to Mohammed Ibn Abu Bakr. His son was Kassim and his daughter is Farwa who was married to Imam Baqer and she was the mother of Imam Jaffer E Sadeq.

Arabs means the one who speaks ajam means the dumb people. Arabs called themselves Arabs and the foreigners ajam. The prophet erased all these differences. White is the same as black, arab as non-arab.

What does the Quran state of Abu Lahab and what does the prophet say of Salmaan. This is based on their taqwa. When Salmaan was asked who he was he replied that he was the son of Islam.

The Imam Zain Ul Abedeen was a combination of Arab and Ajam. His father was arab and mother ajam.

There was a person who lived in Balagh. He would come to Hajj and bring gifts to the Imam. This is stated in the book *Madinatul Majus*. He would bring gifts to the Imam and one year his wife asked him you take gifts and not bring anything back. She did not have *marifat* unlike the ladies of this time. He came to the Imam and the Imam was getting ready to eat. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen invited him to dinner and the Imam said you are a guest and I would want to help you wash your hands. The man helped the Imam help his own hands. When the bowl was 1/3rd full he asked the man what is in the bowl. The man said water. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen replied no it is rubies and as he said it the water became rubies. Remember when Allah says *kun* the thing is. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen did not say water become ruby but said this is ruby and the water became ruby. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen did this with the permission of Allah.

The man continued to wash his hands and when the bowl was 2/3rds full he was asked to look in the bowl and the Imam said look it is a sapphire and it became a sapphire. Then when the bowl was full the Imam said that the bowl is full of white pearl. This happened. The same water turned into three different things. The man was asked to spread a cloth and he did and the Imam gave him the contents of the bowl. This proves that the Imam knows everything in the universe. Our deeds are presented to the Imam of our time every Thursday. Our good deeds make him happy and our sins make him sad and he prays for us.

The Imam told him that the wealth of this world is the water we used to wash our hands with. *Dunia* comes from *dani* meaning inferior. *Ali* means superior or elevated. The Imam said oh world go and mislead someone else I have given you divorce thrice. This is a permanent divorce. What is the relationship between a superior and an inferior thing? The Imam told the man to take the jewels and pearls to his wife. His wife was impressed and desired to go and meet the Imam. She was travelling to meet the Imam and died on the way. The man left his wife where she died and went to the Imam and said my wife died on the way to meet you. The Imam read two rakaat of prayer and then told him go your wife lives. The man went and spoke to his wife and she said that as the angels were taking her she met a man on the way and the description matched the description of Imam Zain Ul Abedeen. He did this with the permission of Allah.

Mauwiya, Yazid, his son Mauwiya, Marwaan were all the kings at the time of Imam Zain Ul Abedeen. Marwaan was rejected by the prophet and the first two caliphs. The third caliph brought him close to himself. Marwaan was the main reason for the subsequent chaos. Walid was the grandson of Marwaan and he poisoned the Imam. In the incident of Harra Medina was looted. Muslim Ibn Haqwa looted Medina and used the masjid as a stable. At this time in Yambo Marwaan begged Imam Zain Ul Abedeen to save his children. The Imam saved his children. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen said that if even the murderer of my father had kept his sword with me as an *amanat* I would return it to him if he asked me.

Imam Zain Ul Abedeen spread the knowledge with his prayers. *Sahifa E Kamila* is a compilation of his prayers. This is not a compilation of prayers but a guide book for us. He is the person who understands the Quran and the rules of the *deen* and he wrote this book.

When Imam Zain Ul Abedeen was going to Hajj a person asked him why do you not have your food and supplies with you. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen said that he is taking his *taqwa* with him and his conveyance is his legs and he is going toward his *moula*. This is the position of Imam Zain Ul Abedeen.

Imam Zain Ul Abedeen did hajj for 20 years on one horse. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen told the fifth Imam (Baquer) that this horse is that on which I did 20 hajj. If he dies then bury him and do not let the vultures eat him.

Imam Zain Ul Abedeen often went on foot to many hajj even though he had a ride with him.

Imam Zain Ul Abedeen was going on a journey and the Imam got down from his horse and when asked he said that he had to thank Allah with a sajdah. People asked him why do you not go home and do this. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen replied that are you sure that I will be able to go home. Do we ever ponder on the blessings of Allah, we live, in this peaceful place, have food, have a job, eat, drink and so on. Do we even remember these and thank Allah.

Imam Zain Ul Abedeen would pray so much that the callousities on his forehead and knees would need to be cut off. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen would be often seen as a child hugging the kaaba and asking forgiveness.

Imam Zain Ul Abedeen was ill in karbala and therefore not allowed to do jihad. At other times he was quite strong and powerful. In the realm of the souls when it was decided that karbala would happen. Imam Hussain was told you will have to leave home -accepted, leave friends- accepted, hunger and thirst- accepted, sacrifice of Abbas, Ali Akbar, Ali Asghar and all the other martyrs – accepted. When it was said the bibis would leave the chador and be taken prisoner Imam Hussain hesitated. At this point Imam Zain Ul Abedeen stepped forward and said accepted. Is this not an action of a strong man. He had to see with his own eyes Ibn E Ziad whipping the head of Imam Hussain with a stick. A man there stopped him saying that this head was kissed by my prophet. Ibn E Ziad told Zaid to leave the court right away. When Imam Hussain's head was taken to court the walls bled. Marjana the mother said Ibn E Ziad how do you now desire heaven. Ibn E Ziad asked who is this women surrounded by the other women a voice replied this is Zainab daughter of Fatima (did not say Ali) the daughter of the prophet. Ibn E Ziad asked to see her. He said that I have killed your false Islam. The bibi replied that thanks to Allah that he has made us the followers of the religion of the prophet. The others are liars. He ordered Zainab be killed. Then he was told that women do not get killed and he stopped. Then he asked who is this man in chains he replied I am Ali Ibn Hussain. Ibn Ziad asked did Ali not get killed by Allah. The Imam replied Allah gives life when a person dies. Then Ibn E Ziad said kill this man. Bibi Zainab went and hugged him and said if you want to kill him kill me also. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen told Ibn E Ziad do you try to scare me with murder. Martyrdom is our inheritance ---.

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We have discussed the ayat from Sura Zariyya and the second topic is on the fourth Imam. I have thought of this topic and am discussing these things with you.

Allah states that he has created jinn and men exclusively for His worship. Worship is not our desire but that which He desires. If we decide that since we have more time in the AM lets do more than two rakaat in fajr. This is not permitted. Allah has given us a package – Islam and we have to accept this in its entirety we are not allowed to pick and chose. There are halaal (recommended) things, haraam (prohibited) things, muba things. Once you have read the kalima and accepted the deen of Islam then you have to follow the entire package. You cannot use your desires. You cannot drive on the left side of the road in the USA like you do in India or pakistan. We cannot be part time muslims but have to be full time muslims. We have to follow all of Allah's commands. Why was iblis rejected and became shaitan. He was a jinn. He was of fire. He was a great worshiper and the angels were impressed and Allah allowed him to live with them. When Allah commanded that He is going to create a being from teen (dirt) and after He blew his noor into it then the angels should bow to him. Iblis refused on the basis that Iblis was of fire and Adam of dirt therefore Iblis was superior. He was argumentative and wanted to use his will. Shaitan did so much worship to Allah but when he refused to obey Allah and guessed that fire was superior to dirt. He had the right principle that superior should not bow to inferior. Dirt is superior to fire not the other way around as iblis had thought. If a small thing is cast into fire it burns but dirt incorporates this into itself. Iblis called his own will worship of Allah but this was incorrect. Allah commanded him to bow but he refused. If Allah commands us not to bow to idols we do not. He commands us to kiss the hajr e aswad we should. We should obey Allah. If we understand moola then we will recognize Allah.

Oh Abu Zar obey Allah in such a manner as though you are seeing Him with your eyes. If you are unable to do this then at least remember that He is seeing you.

When we prepare for salaah then we first do wudu. If we are leaving home then we first do our shower dress and leave. If we are going for an appointment and then try to go there on time. In a similar fashion we do wudu, then go to salaah where we have a conversation with Allah. This speech is for Allah. We try to get closer to Him. Allah commands us to come closer to Him. Then we say thee alone do we obey. The speech changes to first person as though we are in front of Him. Oh Abu Zar worship Allah as though you are seeing Him. You are always being seen by Allah and you should always remember this.

When someone asked Imam Ali why do you become pale in mehrab. What is mehrab? The place of worship is mehrab. Harb=war and mehrab is the place of doing battle with shaitan. Shaitan misleads him and he fights shaitan to come closer to Allah. Thus this is called the mehrab of worship. Our kalima starts stating that there is no God but Allah. Thus we first deny other 'gods' then state that there is one God.

Imam Ali used to shiver when he was in salat. The prophet used to say that you should remove an arrow from Imam Ali's body when he is in prayer as he did not feel anything at this time. When Imam Ali was in the presence of Allah how could he feel a small arrow. People were doing their sunnat salaah in the masjid while awaiting the prophet. A destitute

man comes and asks is there anyone who will give in Allah's name. He was about to leave disappointed. As he was leaving Imam Ali was in the first row and he signed to the man to take his precious ring from Imam Ali's finger. The destitute person took the ring and left. Perhaps Imam Ali had an expensive ring just for this purpose. Then the ayat of the Quran was revealed about the people who do zakaat in the state of rukoo (prayer). The man was asking Allah but all were hearing others heard it also. His voice was going to Allah and were also heard by the people. Imam Ali was in front of Allah in his namaaz. He heard the prayer. Allah gives but does not have hands. If you happen to go to a temple then the idols have many hands so that they may give to all people and therefore needs many hands. Allah has no body but he gives. The one who was asking was looking to see who will give. Imam Ali gave on the behalf of Allah (yadullah).

Imam Ali did prayer in such a manner that he was in front of Allah. A person asked him and Imam Ali replied that he would not do worship for Allah unless he had seen Him. Imam Ali said that you use the light of your heart and not the eyes to see Allah. When he did tilawat of the Quran it seemed that the voice was coming from Allah and not from Ali.

Oh Abu Zar do worship of Allah in such a manner that you are seeing Allah or at least remember that you are being seen by him.

When you go to hajj you have to say Labbaik Allahumma Labbaik. When Imam Zain Ul Abedeen was in ehram a person asked him to repeat Labbaik he replied while crying what if Allah says la labbaik how could he bear it. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen was pointing to us that these are not empty words but a conversation with Allah. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen used to cry and turn pale when he did wudu.

Worship is a strange thing. Worship is to follow the commands of moulana the commands of Allah. Some question where is it in the Quran. In the Quran the formula of worship, how to do the roza, how to do the hajj all these things are not mentioned. If someone states that the Quran alone is enough for it then they are incorrect. We state that we need the book and the ahle bait. The book says establish prayer and the ahle bait establish prayer, do roza, do hajj, do zakaat and show us how to do these things. The book is to give the commands and the ahle bait to demonstrate practically how to do the worship. If a person is awake and praying all night. Imam Ali used to pray all night. When the prophet asked him to sleep in his bed on the night of hijrat why didn't Imam Ali refuse by saying Oh prophet I pray to Allah all night. Imam Ali knew that worship means obedience of Allah and the prophet. Ali slept a sweet sleep that night. This shows you do not do worship with your own will but obey Allah and the prophet.

Imam Ali was sitting in a place awaiting the time of asr prayer. The prophet called him and asked him to sit down. The prophet put his head on Imam Ali's lap and in this state wahi started. Allah was speaking with the prophet. The time of asr prayer was passing. Imam Ali knew that the time of prayer was passing. What would an ordinary person do? He would lift the prophet's head from his lap and do the asr salaah. As the wahi completed on the prophet by then the sun set. Had Ali moved the prophet's head then the wahi would have been interrupted. The prophet asked Ali did you do the asr prayer. Perhaps Ali did the prayer with signs. The prophet raised his hands and asked Allah that Ali was obeying you and your prophet please bring the sun back. Allah returne the sun to the position of asr and then when Imam Ali finished his prayer the sun set. If you obey Allah He can change the universe for you.

Those who do worship are of three types. This is in the book tohabatool huqool this is a

book written by a scholar in the fourth century. In this book it is a speech from Imam Hussain and he said that there are three types of worshipers. One group does worship of Allah to fulfill a desire and their worship is like that of a businessman. He does salaah, roza, khums etc for the rewards promised. This is the worship of a trader. He wants to give worship and buy reward. This is not wrong but just a type of worshiper.

The second group is worshipping Allah out of fear of Allah. This is the worship of the slaves. He remembers hell and the difficulties there. The hot water there, the hellfire, the burning skin and they fear this and do worship trembling with fear of hellfire. This is the worship of the slaves.

The third type of worshiper is the one who does worship of Allah out of thanks for Allah for his blessings. He is worshipping Allah for making him a man, sending him to a muslim family and not to a hindu or sikh family, gave good parents. It is the good deeds of your parents that have brought you to the majalis today. Look at the seen and unseen blessings of Allah. Have you pondered on the blessing of having teeth, hands feet etc. What of the external blessings the pleasant breeze etc. One group thanks Allah for these blessings.

All these three kinds of worshipers are correct in their worship. Which one of these worshipers are superior. Imam Ali would be the right one to answer this question. When he was asked what is the worship you do oh Moula.

When they go to his door he is heard praying Oh Ilaahi, oh Syedi, my master, I am not praying to you out of desire for heaven or out of fear of hell but because You deserve to be worshiped. Moula showed us that he was doing worship to thank Allah.

Today we are discussing Imam Zain Ul Abedeen the leader of all those who pray. Moula was worshipping and iblis came to the mehrab in the form of a snake and wanted to spread poison to make the Imam unaware of the prayer. Shaitan tried his best. He tried to inject poison but the Imam didn't move. Shaitan said that I have never seen such a worshiper and a voice from ghaib said that this is Zain Ul Abedeen. When Imam Ali went to battle we heard a voice from the ghaib stating that there is no warrior but Ali and he is undefeated.

Imam Zain Ul Abedeen in his life saw many battles. Yazid in his lifetime had three incidents. The event of harra, the event when the kaaba was burned. Kaaba was destroyed. In Hajjaj's (the governor) time the Kaaba was being rebuilt and a big snake stopped them from building the kaaba. This is mentioned in a famous book --. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen was called and when he came the snake bowed his head and moved on. The snake recognized the protector of the kaaba. When it came to the time to replace the black stone. You remember the time of the prophet when the kuraish had awaited the next person entering the kaaba to replace the hajr e aswad and the prophet had replaced it in its place. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen placed the hajr e aswad with his own hands. The hajr e aswad is as stone from heaven. Do you know what this stone is? This stone takes pictures of the person doing hajj. It knows your intentions. It is a representative of Allah on earth. Imam Ali has stated that this stone represents Allah on this earth.

Hajr e aswad is a witness on the behalf of Allah. It was with adam and was white when it came to earth now it is black. When we say shirk and bidat do anyone dare to say that kissing this stone is bidat. Not even the saudi's dare to say this. This reminds me of an event. When this Quran was taken to Iran. The saudi king kissed the cover of the Quran as it had touched the Quran why then would we not kiss the metal around the prophet's grave.

Hazarat E Hanafia was the commander in the battle of siffin. He was a grandson of the

prophet. Mohammed E Hanafia believed the imamat of the fourt imam. He was a son of Ali and Imam Zain Ul Abedeen was the grandson. Some people kaisania believe that Mohammed E Hanafia was the next imam. Hanafia refused that he was imam. Now we needed someone to witness the imam. In this time Imam Zain Ul Abedeen invited his uncle to mecca and then they asked the hajr e aswad witness to point out who is the imam. They asked the hajr e aswad and when Mohammed E Hanafia did salaam and asked the hajr did not reply. When Imam Zain Ul Abedeen spoke the stone replied to his salaam and said that he is the imam of the time. He is giving witness to the imamat of Imam Zain Ul Abedeen in this world like he will give witness on the day of judgment. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen was not a weak person. He was a strong person. He was such a person who had the strength to take the caravan. The weakness and sickness was to protect the progeny of the Imams. When Imam Zain Ul Abedeen got disgusted then Bibi Zainab would stop him from invoking the curse of Allah. When Imam Zain Ul Abedeen was asked the most difficult time he said Shaam thrice. What difficulty was this? Shaam was decorated. Every path was decorated. Some cities had closed their doors and refused to see the ahle rasool. Some people celebrated the misery of the ahle bait. They would travel at night and in the hot day their captors would sit in the shade of the tent while the prisoners with hot leg irons would be left in the hot sun. One such day Imam Zain Ul Abedeen sat in the shade of the tent. The cursed shimr tried to whip the imam and bibi zainab and the bibies provided the shade for him. Children came and threw stones at Imam Hussain's head. When they passed through the marketplace people were throwing stones and fire.

A man from sham came forward and thanked Allah that he gave victory to ameer ul momineen (yazid). Imam Zain Ul Abedeen called the man and asked him did you read these ayats of the Quran? Do you know who is the topic of the Quran? The man was unaware. Imam Zain Ul Abedeen said that these four ayats are about us. The man threw off his amama and begged forgiveness of moola. When Yazid heard this the man was beheaded. He became a shaheed in the way of the ahle bait.

Sham was decorated and there were flags all over. When a person was asked what is the festival. The man was a companion of the prophet. He was asked to take off his amama as the grandson of the prophet has been beheaded, the daughters of the prophet will be brought out as prisoners. As he saw he saw the heaed on the tip of a spear and bibis on camels without saddles. He saw a small girl and asked her how can i help? The girl said go ahead and ask the man carrying the head to move ahead so that the parda of the bibis be protected. He gave the man 400 dirhams for this purpose. He said salaam to Imam Zain Ul Abedeen the waris of saheed hussain---

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Allah has said that Allah has created Jinn and Men for obedience of Allah. Every thing that we do in obedience of Allah is worship of Allah. When a doctor does his work, the businessman does work, the housewife does work at home this is worship. This is as they are obeying the commands of Allah. Ibadat (worship) and Imam Zain Ul Abedeen are the topics we have been discussing.

Looking at the face of the parents is worship. The prophet said that the person who looks at the face of his parents with love this has the same benefit as a hajj. If the child looks a 100 times then this is equal to 100 hajj. Imam Ali is the spiritual father of all of us and there is a famous book wherein the Prophet has said that the prophet and Imam Ali are the parents of the community. Looking at the face of Imam Ali is worship. If someone asks how can we look at Imam Ali in this time. The prophet has said in a different hadees that doing zikr of Ali is also worship. Worship Allah so much that you succeed. Elevate your majalis with the zikr of Imam Ali as zikr of Ali is the zikr of the prophet and the zikr of the prophet is the zikr of Allah. Zikr of Allah is ibadat or worship.

There is the ayat of the Quran that says jinn and men are created for the worship of Allah. The prophet said that the single sword of Ali on the day of khandaq is superior to the entire worship of jinn and men combined. If the one sword stroke of Ali is superior then what of his worship.

If we look at the ahle bait and look at sahifa e kamila then this is a collection of knowledge. There is a tafseer of the Quran in which it is said that the book of Imam Zain Ul Abedeen is a treasure. The more I ponder on this treasure then this is one of the most superior books after the Quran.

There was an alim of Basra and when he heard of the sahifa e kamila and said that he will write an answer to it. As he said this he died. Had muslims given up their jealousy they would have gained from the knowledge in the sahifa.

The last revolution brought by the prophet is the revolution of knowledge. Abu Jehal was the biggest jahil or illiterate person.

The first ayat on the prophet invited him to read in the name of the Rabb who created you. Created man from Alaq, read your Rabb is merciful, he gave you knowledge from the pen, he taught man that which he knew not. The word iqra is there twice in this sura. It speaks of reading twice.

Of the prophet it is said that he was created for bringing knowledge to the universe. The cartoon made of the prophet at this time we should ponder how did he dare to make the prophet. There was a book written before about the prophet and insulted him and he was killed. The author said that he extracted his source from the books of the muslims. We need to look at our own books and purify the mistakes in them. If these authors have mistaken beliefs of the prophet then how can we stop others from insulting him?

The treasure of knowledge came to the ahle bait after the prophet. The living book of the ahle bait is the nahjul balagha and these sayings were collected. This book is about the universe. Imam Ali has even discussed about the ant in this book. Look at the ant, how small it is, how short its life is how it gets its food. He discussed the creation of the universe. Imam Ali had knowledge of all these things. He declared from the masjid e kufa ask all that you want before you lose me. He asked that people ask him about anything

they desire.

Ali had said that he could desire of those of the tawrath, injeel and the quran from the particular book the person follows. The knowledge came from the ahle bait. They might not have the evident caliphate but they had the leadership of the sea of knowledge.

Jalaluddin e Suhofi in his book history of the caliphs stated that the second caliph said go to Ali for any question. He also said that had Ali not been there I would be lost. Ali always answered from the Quran. When we see Imam Ali as the leader of knowledge, he was followed by Imam Hasan, then Imam Hussain and the Imam Zain ul Abedeen.

Imam Zain Ul Abedeen spread the knowledge throughout the world. The foundation of the centers of learning was laid by this Imam. When Abd Ul Malik became the caliph.

The king of rome wanted to print a coin cursing the prophet in response to a trademark problem. The trademark said the father the son the holy ghost. Abd Ul Malik erased this trademark and wrote the kalima of the muslims. In response to this the king of rome said that he would write verses cursing the prophet. He sent gifts to the king of rome but he refused. He asked all the scholars but they failed. The fourth Imam sent his son the fifth imam who was 23 years old. He spoke with the representative of the king of rome and advised abd ul malik to make his own currency. He gave him advice on the entire structure of the currency how to make the coins how to make the mould in glass. He said to write the words La Ilaha IllAllah on one side and Mohammedun rasool Allah on the back. When Salmaan e Rushdi was doing such bad deeds as writing bad things about the prophet who was it who gave a fatwa against him? This was the representative of the imam.

The fourth imam laid the foundation of the schools to come in the future. The fourth imam did not do dars as such as this started with the fifth imam. Abu Hamza Thumali was a famous scholar and there are six famous books of the sunnis and ibn e maaja quoted this scholar in his book. Dua Abu Hamda Thumali is from this person. And he was a student of the Imam.

There were many famous scholars who were students of the Imam. Sayeed Ibn Zubair was a scholar at the time of Hajjaj and he was a student of the Imam. He was killed by Hajjaj. Suhail was also a famous scholar and he was a student of the Imam. Abul Aswad E Duwali was a person who made a formal work of the way to read the Quran and he was a student of the Imam.

If you look at the life of our Imams then they were the leaders of knowledge. People tried to put out the light of knowledge.

We should work hard in the field of knowledge and not be behind in learning. Today the community that is ahead in knowledge is leading the world. The first wahi is about knowledge. Each and every one of us should be first in knowledge. This is not restricted to the knowledge of the religion. We should use our minds and intellect to light the lamp of knowledge.

The Imam has said many things about knowledge. He said that taking knowledge is wajib. If man knew how to desire knowledge they would have sacrificed their blood and life to gain knowledge they would jump into a turbulent water to gain knowledge. Allah has said that the person who is pure and tries hard to learn and gain knowledge is a good momin.

The Imam said that the student who puts his foot on the ground with the desire of learning then the ground does tasbeeh for him. The angels spread out their wings for him. The wonders of knowledge of the ahle bait are well known. Every aspect of life bravery,

knowledge, charity in each and every one of these our ahle bait are the leaders. The muslims should all ponder why do they hate the ahle bait. They were only spreading knowledge. Those who hate the ahle bait hate knowledge. People do not read the nahjul balagha read and learn from it. Read and find out what is in this book.

Abd Ul Malik Ibn Marwaan in his time the fourth Imam went on hajj. Hissahm Ibn Abd Ul Malik was the crown prince. Hishamm was going to hajj and at that time also there were so many people that he could not kiss the hajr e aswad. He sat on a chair waiting for his turn. Then he saw a man with a glowing pure face come forth. There is a book kashf ul madood. The inheritor of the prophet zain ul abedeen the son of Imam Hussain, son of Imam Ali, the one with a face like the moon and with a perfumed dress when he came forward the people parted and then he approached the hajr e aswad and kissed it. It seemed as though the hajr e aswad was coming toward the imam. A person asked the crown prince who is this person. The crown prince deliberately claimed ignorance. There was a poet farsdaq and he recited spontaneous poetry. In kashf ul mahjoob there are 25 poems. He said oh you who question do you know who this person is. He is the one who the dirt of medina knows the one who the kaaba knows, he is the person who is the son of the one who was the best among men, he is taqi, naqi and tahir and the raised standard. It seemed as though the hajr e aswad was coming by itself to kiss his hand and not the other way around. He keeps his eyes lowered and none dare to look at him with a raised head. He speaks smiling always. This is the personality who has never refused a destitute person who asks for help. Whenever anyone has asked him he has never refused. He said la (no) in the kalima. If it was not required to say no in the kalima he would never say no. He would put bread on his shoulders and feed so many families. He never sent his servants with the food to feed the poor but went himself. He would always have his face masked when he did this. When he left this world people recognized him as their benefactor.

Why did people hate him so that they poisoned him. This was the time when people memorized the poetry. This poetry we discussed above was made famous the king imprisoned the poet. Imam sent 12,000 dhiram to the poet. The poet refused saying that he did not do this poetry in desire of money but out of love. The imam commanded him to take the money and he did. The imam gave him 40,000 dhiram and the man lived for another 40 years. This was the usual salary for the next 40 years.

The king asked why did he not recite poetry about him like he recited for the imam. The poet replied bring ancestors like his, grandfather like his, a father like his and a mother like his and I will write poetry like his.

I would now like to discuss the speech given by the Imam in the court of Yazid. Yazid was not allowing the imam to give the speech. Yazid's court was full of courtiers and the prisoners were there also. In this state the representative of Yazid is praising Yazid and his family. The Imam replied may curses be on you oh announcer. You asked for Allah's displeasure and you will go to hell. He then addressed Yazid and asked shall I sit on this heap of sticks (he did not say mimbar). Then shall I say such words that are liked by Allah so that these people get his blessings. People thought what will this ill man say. The people then asked Yazid to give him permission. Yazid then said if he gives a speech then I will be insulted. Do you not see that these are the ahle bait and they are filled with knowledge?

Then the Imam said oh people (he did not say momins). He said I have been given 6 things. ILM, Hilm, Generosity, bravery, love of the momins heart. Allah has given us such

great characters that prophets were from us. Imam Ali the truthful was from us, Jaffer E Tayyar from us, the uncle of the prophet the lion of Islam from us, the daughter of the prophet the leader of the women of the world from us, the leaders of the youth of paradise Imam Hasan and Hussain from us. He who knows me knows me. He who does not know me I will introduce myself. I am the son of Medina and Mecca, of Zam Zam. I am the son of the one who covered himself with the shawl. I am the son of the person who went on buraq. I am the son of the person who went from the masjid e aqsa on meraj. I am the son of the person who said the prayers with the angels. I am the son of the prophet and the son of Ali. I am the son of the person who fought with two sword and two spears. The one who did two hijrats, did prayer between two khiblas the one who was never kuffar. I am the son of the one who killed marahab. Gibraeel praised me as did michael. I am the son of Fatima Zehra. I am he who was drenched with blood. I am the son of the one beheaded in karbala. Imam gave this speech in the court of yazid. I have not read the entire speech. But look at the contents of the speech and how the imam addressed the court.

It is said that when the prisoners were taken into the court of yazid through a door. There were houses on each side of the street. People were hitting the prisoners. The prisoners were made to stop at the door to the court for a long time while the court was being decorated. When sani e zehra got tired she sat down and called to her father for help. When the caravan left the son of talha ibraheem met them at the door. He had a veil on his face. He asked him who is victorius yazid or hussain. The imam replied when you hear the azan and ekhamat you will realize who was the victor. Yazid wanted to stop salaah. Zainab had said that you cannot stop the zikr and cannot stop the ayat that have come down. There were 12 people tied into one rope. They were brought like prisoners from india or turkey. When they came to the court the Imam said what do you think that the prophet would think when he saw us. Yazid then saw a little girl standing on her toes and Yazid asked why. When the bibis stood then sakina would be strangled. Yazid told him to losen the rope around the throat of the little girl. She stopped the person from doing this and told him to free the imam from his handcuffs first. When the imam was freed from the handcuffs he freed his sister.

Yazid asked questions. How did you find the death of Imam Hussain. Imam replied that the martyrdom was written in the realm of the souls. Yazid said that it is good the Hussain was killed. Imam replied may Allah curse the killer of Hussain. Yazid commanded that the Imam be killed. Bibi Zainab ran forward and hugged the Imam as did the other bibis. Sakina in the meantime saw the beheaded head of her father and ran toward it. Yazid said that you can get the head if you are able to call the head to you. The little orphan of Hussain called her father's head and it came to her and she complained to him about her difficulties how the earrings were snatched from her ears